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The Honorable Victor Marrero
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States
Courthouse 500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

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**Re: *United States v. Joseph Steele*, 15 Cr. 836 (VM)
Joseph Steele v. United States, 20 Civ. 1151 (VM)**

Dear Judge Marrero:

On February 5, 2020, Joseph Steele filed *pro se* a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to set aside his conviction and sentence on the grounds that he received ineffective assistance of counsel in connection with his conviction after trial of being a felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g). *See* Dk. No. 83. On February 24, 2020, the Court ordered the Government to respond within sixty days. In the intervening time, the Covid-19 global pandemic has interfered with the Government's ability to access records necessary for its response. The Government therefore respectfully requests a 30-day extension, to May 22, 2020, of the deadline for its response. This is the Government's first request for an extension.

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| The request for extension is granted. | |
| SO ORDERED. May 11, 2020 DATE |  VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J. |

Respectfully submitted,

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